

repeat units derived from at least one conjugated diene having from 4 to 8 carbon atoms] an amine terminated polybutadiene.

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sub B37 13. (Amended) A reaction product according to claim [11] 1, wherein said second polymer is [a thermoplastic] an elastomeric polymer.

14. (Amended) A reaction product according to claim [10] 1, wherein said terminal nitrogen containing group is derived from *N*-butylidenebenzylamine.

Please cancel claims 15-20 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add new claim 21:

AD SE 21. A reaction product composition comprising a blend of a maleated polypropylene and amine terminated polybutadiene.

Remarks

The Examiner set forth a restriction requirement, asking Applicants to elect either the invention of claims 1-14, drawn to a blended product (Group I) or claims 15-20, drawn to a process for forming a compatibilized blend (Group II). The Examiner states that the invention of Groups I and II are related as a process of making and a product made, but are distinct, if the process can be used to make a materially different product or the product as claimed can be made by another materially different process. The Examiner concludes that the instant product can be made by another process such as mixing the two polymers in a solvent below their softening temperatures.

Applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 1-14, for further prosecution on the merits. Applicants have also amended the claims to address the Examiner's observation that the originally filed claims were unclear as to whether the reaction product of claims 2-14 are the blended product of

claim 1. More specifically, Applicants have amended the claims to utilize more precise language in the definition of the invention.

In addition to the restriction requirement, the Examiner has set forth an election of species requirement within the claimed first polymer and second polymer genus. Applicants hereby select the species of polypropylene and polybutadiene, respectively, within the genus of claim 1. For the Examiner's consideration, the example set forth on pages 11-13 of the specification demonstrates the elected species.

In view of the above, Applicants request further examination of the pending claims.

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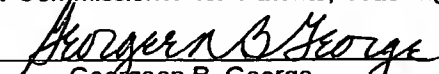
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